

~~attribute information~~ adding means for adding information which specifies a job output method to a job request as attribute information of the job, and

said job scheduling device comprising:

attribute information setting means for acquiring attribute information included in the received job and sets the attribute information to information which specifies a job and a document;

a queue for storing, as a job, a group of items of the information which specify a job and a document, the information including a job copy number count which specifies a number of copies of the current job; and

output result control means which, upon reference to the information items which specify a job and a document with respect to the job stored in the queue, controls the processing request issued to the job execution section in such a way that the specified number of copies of the job are output using the information which specifies a job output method.

2. (Amended) A job processing system comprising a terminal equipment for issuing a job request by handling a plurality of documents as one job, and a job scheduling device which sequentially processes jobs by storing the jobs, received from the terminal equipment through a network, in a queue and sending a job execution section a processing request relating to a document specified by the job stored in the queue,

said terminal equipment comprising:

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~~attribute information adding means for adding information relating to the number~~
of copies of the job and information relating to a job output result to the job request as
job attribute information, and

said job scheduling device comprising:

attribute information setting means for acquiring attribute information included in
the received job and sets the attribute information to information which specifies a job
and a document;

a queue for storing, as a job, a group of items of the information which specify a
job and a document, the information including a job copy number count which specifies
a number of copies of the current job; and

output result control means which, upon reference to the information for
specifying a job and a document with respect to the job stored in the queue, controls the
processing request issued to the job execution section in such a way that the specified
number of copies of the job are only output in a collated manner if collation processing
is specified in the information relating to a job output result using the information which
specifies a job and a document, or in such a way that the specified number of copies of
the job are only output in an uncollated manner if uncollation processing is specified in
the information relating to the job output result using the information which specifies a
job and a document.

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated June 26, 2002, the Examiner rejected all pending
claims 1-6, 15, and 16. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 15, and 16 under 35
U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Sugiura et al.* (USPN 6,047,111). The

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